

spend quality time with family members, including her nine month old grandson, Ryan Rudy. While Vicky's career as a public servant has come to an end, the incredible impact she has made on her community will be felt for years to come.

I am proud to join her daughter, Lydia, her son, Garman, her colleagues, and her friends in thanking Vicky for her years of public service and wishing her the best as she begins her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO PAUL EDWARD DUNN

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, a constituent and good friend of mine, Paul Edward Dunn, was one of the most well respected lawyers across the entire state of Tennessee for over four decades.

He was one of the kindest, most honest, fair-minded men I have ever had the privilege to know, and I was deeply saddened to learn he passed away on Saturday.

When he wasn't serving our own community as a lawyer, as a member of various state bar associations, or as a special General Sessions judge, he was serving our Nation in the United States Marine Corps as a tank commander during the Korean War and later in the reserves.

Paul would have been married to his sweet wife Martha for sixty years on August third this year. Their devotion and love for each other was known well by many.

Paul and Martha had five wonderful children, but one in particular, Laura, holds a special place in my heart from years ago.

The first time I ran for Congress in 1988, Laura, who was in eighth grade at the time, came to help us every day after she got out of school, and even on the weekends.

I don't think many people worked for me as hard as she did. It seems like Laura's perseverance, work ethic, and soft heart were inspired by her dad, who possessed the same attributes.

Paul and Martha suffered a painful loss when Laura left this world at the young age of 22 due to her battle with lymphoma cancer. Now, we have the hope, through faith in God, that they have been reunited in Heaven.

Laura was such a wonderful, sweet, young woman full of enthusiasm for others.

While I am saddened by the loss of Paul, and the loss he and Martha experienced with Laura's passing, I certainly appreciate the kindness they showed me through the years.

While Tennessee mourns the loss of a great man, we remember the positive impact Paul made on our community, state, and our Nation.

SUPPORTING H.R. 4269—THE PUBLIC FUNDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed light on a major loophole in

our tax code that favors private schools at the expense of public schools. I have introduced H.R. 4269, The Public Funds for Public Schools Act which would close this loophole that allows the wealthy to profit off their "donations" to private school voucher organizations. In 18 states, laws have been passed allowing wealthy donors to claim tax credits for donations that go to private, often unaccredited, schools.

In these states, tax credits are awarded to taxpayers who donate to private school voucher organizations. At least eleven states offer a dollar-for-dollar credit, which allows wealthy donors to donate to Scholarship Granting Organizations without losing any money because the state ends up bearing the full cost of the donation. When combined with a federal charitable tax deduction, the dollar-for-dollar state credit ends up resulting in a taxpayer-funded profit for the so-called "donor."

Wealthy donors reap the benefits while our public-school children are left with substandard resources in some of the most impoverished areas of the country. This is a major loophole in our tax code. Not only are states reimbursing the wealthy rather than investing in public education, but federal dollars are being given to the wealthy at the blatant expense of public school children and educators. To be clear, the American taxpayer bears the cost of this lucrative tax shelter, and the American public is left with less funding for our public schools.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud product of public schools. After the Brown v. Board of Education decision, small private all white academies started to pop up in many Southern states, including one in my hometown. Selma High School, where I graduated, provided me with a quality education. I was on the renowned Selma High School debate team and we won competitions across the state.

Over the decades, many "concerned" white parents have taken their kids out of public schools, sending them to the private academy across town. This process has led to re-segregation of schools in many parts of the South. After years of losing revenue to private schools, my old high school is deemed as "failing" today by the state of Alabama. Moreover, there aren't enough resources to provide debate and other extracurricular activities to the children.

State laws like the one providing a dollar-for-dollar tax credit to private academies have further exacerbated these trends. Until this year, the academies in my state didn't even have to be accredited to qualify for the voucher program.

Thirty-five states provided less overall state funding per student in the 2014 school year than before the recession in 2008. When the Republican tax bill was signed into law last year, deductions for state and local tax payments were capped at \$10,000, leaving some wealthier taxpayers looking for new and creative ways to reduce their tax liability. In response, more state legislatures are considering laws to pass this lucrative taxpayer-funded loophole.

H.R. 4269, The Public Funds for Public Schools Act, would remove this loophole by reducing the double deductions benefit on these donations, saving money that could be reinvested in public schools that are struggling to provide adequate resources for their students.

We have a responsibility to our children and their future to do the right thing. I urge my colleagues to co-sponsor H.R. 4269.

IN RECOGNITION OF SARA CATALÁN'S PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

HON. EDWARD R. ROYCE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. ROYCE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my heartfelt gratitude to my Deputy Chief of Staff, Sara Catalán for her 15 years of service to the people of my congressional district in Southern California.

Constituent Service is the heart of any successful Congressional office. Members of Congress are pulled in many different directions, and spend many weeks back in Washington, D.C. participating in committee activities and voting on the House floor. We must, therefore, rely heavily on a strong deputy to put together and manage a local staff that prioritizes the needs of our constituents. Sara has been an outstanding Deputy Chief of Staff and District Director, and I am indebted to her for her faithful service, good work, and perseverance. I have relied daily on her invaluable insights and sound judgment. Sara has been vital to my outreach and proactive engagement with the diverse communities of the district, ensuring that everyone is heard.

Constituents have often thanked me for the attention and assistance they received from my district staff, and I know I could have not done this outstanding work without Sara. Thanks to her, my district staff has always been hard-working and dedicated.

Sara's passion for public policy is evident to all who know her and who have worked with her. Over the years, her skills and insights have been invaluable when it came to the many issues affecting my district, and the greater public. She has been particularly engaged in my efforts to promote women's economic empowerment and protect and support victims of human trafficking. Under her leadership, my office has chaired a Human Trafficking Advisory Council, bringing together key players in law enforcement, nonprofits engaged in prevention and victim support, and victims' rights groups. I am proud of this work and the programs that came out of this Task Force, and I am proud of the work that Sara put into making it a success.

Over the course of the last 15 years, Sara has been an outstanding employee. She has also become a trusted friend. I have always relied upon her counsel and appreciate her forthrightness and her integrity. As she leaves my office and begins the next phase of her career working for a member of the California State Senate, I know she will continue to serve the people of California well.

I thank Sara for her service to the 39th Congressional District of California, and for her friendship.

HONORING THE 2018 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CHAMPION UPPER DAUPHIN HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Upper Dauphin High School Softball Team for winning the Pennsylvania State Championship title for the first time in the school's history.

The Upper Dauphin Trojans' softball program is one of determination, hard work, and talent. This year's win was especially impressive, as they overcame a losing record of 4–8 at midseason, and ended the season, after 13 straight victories, with a 17–8 record. Upon winning this coveted title, the Trojans made school history by being the first of the schools' softball teams to become Pennsylvania State Champions.

These exceptional athletes serve as an example for not only aspiring female athletes, but for all Pennsylvania youths. Their talent, dedication, and teamwork are a great source of pride for the school and the community at large. I am honored to represent the Upper Dauphin High School Girls Softball Team and take great pride in its remarkable achievement. I know these young women will go on to accomplish great things.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Upper Dauphin High School Softball Team and congratulating these athletes on their well-deserved 2018 State Championship title.

RECOGNIZING AND CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN MARKO BROZ FOR HIS SERVICE WITH THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Captain Marko Broz for his service as Sector Commander at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Sault Sainte Marie. Through his exceptional leadership and steadfast devotion, Captain Broz has become an indispensable part of Michigan's First District.

For the last two years, Captain Broz has served as Sector Commander in Sault Sainte Marie, where he oversaw all Coast Guard missions on Lake Superior, northern Lake Huron and Lake Michigan, and all surrounding waterways. Under his leadership, the USCG worked to prevent ecological harm, clear winter ice for shipping, and allow the public to safely enjoy the waterways of Michigan's First District. His work has been critical to protecting the Great Lakes and promoting the livelihoods of Michiganders and Americans everywhere.

Captain Broz assumed duties as Sector Commander in June of 2016 after previously serving as Deputy. Prior to his work in Michigan, Captain Broz served as the Coast Guard liaison to Naval Surface Warfare (N86), intelligence and joint positions at Coast Guard Atlantic Area, Joint Interagency Task Force—South, and as a Senior Duty Officer at the

White House Situation Room. Additionally, Broz served eight years at sea in New Jersey, Guam, and Mississippi. He is a 1994 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy where he earned a Bachelor's of Science Management and a Master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. Captain Broz will officially retire and be relieved by Captain Patrick Nelson on July 18th at the USCG Sector Sault Sainte Marie.

Mr. Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Captain Marko Broz for his service to the people of Michigan with the U.S. Coast Guard. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Captain Broz all the best in his future endeavors.

THE SHELBY V. HOLDER DECISION AND THE RECENT WAVE OF VOTER SUPPRESSION LAWS

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the cornerstone of our democracy: our right to vote.

After the Supreme Court's 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision, core aspects of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 were invalidated, and eligible voters now face new barriers to casting their ballot, including many voters in Alabama. Because of the Court decision, many states have enacted new voter restrictions. For example, Alabama has implemented a photo identification law, which has barred many from participating in our elections. Twenty-one million Americans, over 10 percent of the eligible voting population, do not have a government-issued ID and, in many states, these Americans are consequently unable to vote.

Senior citizens and the disabled, people who also call my district home, have been adversely impacted by the recent wave of voter suppression laws. My father was one of these voters, and I witnessed firsthand the struggles he faced just to be able to vote for his daughter when Alabama's voting law were changed.

Obtaining a photo ID is no easy task, especially since many handicapped individuals have limited mobility. The decrease in the number of driver's license offices in Alabama over the past decade has worsened this issue. Out of the 10 counties with the highest percentages of African-American voters, which constitute a majority of my district, eight have lost ID offices. Many polling stations throughout the state have also shut down, and at the local level, these changes have disproportionately affected area with a large number of black voters.

Mr. Speaker, voting is a right, not a privilege. We should be working to make our elections more accessible, not less accessible. As the U.S. Representative of Alabama's 7th Congressional District, the Civil Rights District of America, I have made it a top priority to restore the vote. That is why I have introduced H.R. 2978, the Voting Rights Advancement Act. My legislation restores and expands the original Voting Rights Act by providing federal oversight of election changes in states with a history of voter discrimination.

The recent wave of voter suppression laws undermines the progress of our nation's civil

rights trailblazers, from the women of Seneca Falls to the marchers in my hometown of Selma. We should not let them down, and we should not let our voters down.

I urge Congress to come together in a bipartisan effort to improve access to the ballot and pass H.R. 2978. It is our responsibility to uphold what our constituents so rightfully deserve: a government of the people, for the people, by the people.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA

HON. ROBIN L. KELLY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans continue to die from gun violence while this Congress does nothing to stop it.

As my colleagues head out the door for their summer vacations, thousands of American families will never again experience a vacation with a loved one because of gun violence.

As my colleagues leave town to enjoy summertime picnics, thousands of American families will never again experience a summer with their loved ones lost to gun violence.

As my colleagues enjoy the August recess with their family and friends, more Americans will lose family and friends to gun violence because this Congress failed to act.

I include in the RECORD the names of many Americans that this Republican-controlled Congress has failed.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE IN AMERICA—AMERICANS FAILED BY A CONGRESS TOO BOLDEN TO THE NRA TO ACT

1. Dove Lindsey, 1,
2. Abigail Buckley, 1,
3. Kamaya Lloyd, 1,
4. Jace Alexander, 2,
5. Laila Johnson, 2,
6. Paxton Edwards, 3,
7. Brinley Edwards, 4,
8. Ky'Marley Harrington, 4,
9. Jacob Edwards, 6,
10. Aidan Lindsey, 6,
11. Taylor Hayes, 7,
12. Jennifer Trejo, 9,
13. Makiyah Wilson, 10,
14. Lillia Pluth, 10,
15. Irayan Pluth, 11,
16. Vaughn Bigelow, 13,
17. Demonte Walker, 15,
18. Tyrelle Bowyer, 15,
19. Jeremiah Stewart, 16,
20. Khambrel Manning, 16,
21. Judy Wilson, 17,
22. Tranard Gray, 17,
23. Antwon Rose, 17,
24. Shakerria King, 17,
25. Captain David Rosa,
26. Olasunkanmi Esho,
27. Bourk Esho,
28. Olivia Esho,
29. Michelle Krek,
30. Michelle Krek's unborn child,
31. Dr. Mark Hausknecht,
32. Tavish Harris,
33. Jorge Colon,
34. Firefighter Ernesto Torres,
35. U.S. Capitol Police Detective John Gibson,
36. U.S. Capitol Police Officer Jacob J. Chestnut,
37. Tremel Thomas, 22,